

OPINION 1031

EOSTOMIAS EXIMIUS JORDAN & GILBERT, 1925 (PISCES):
PLACED ON THE OFFICIAL LIST OF
SPECIFIC NAMES IN ZOOLOGY

RULING.—(1) The specific name *eximius* Jordan & Gilbert, 1925, as published in the binomen *Eostomias eximius*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology, with the Name Number 2541.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1964)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. R. Lavenberg in February 1971. The application was sent to the printer on 8 July 1971 and was published on 31st December 1971 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 28 : 164–165. The application was supported by Dr. Jules M. Crane, Jr.; the Nomenclature Committee of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (*Bull.* 29 : 111) and George A. Moore.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 28 March 1974 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (74)6 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* 28 : 165. At the end of the voting period on 28 June 1974 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty (20), received in the following order: Holthuis, Vokes, Mayr, Simpson, Lemche, Willink, Dupuis, Tortonese, Melville, Corliss, Habe, Starobogatov, Alvarado, Binder, Bernardi, Bayer, Ride, Kraus, Nye, Rohdendorf.

Negative votes—one (1): Sabrosky.

Voting Papers not returned—four (4): Brinck, Munroe, Erben, Heppell.

Dr. E. Eisenmann did not vote on this occasion.

The following comments were made by Commissioners in returning their votes:

Prof. E. Mayr (2.iv.1974): "The original designation of the neotype was in violation of the Code since no evidence was presented that there was a need for a neotype designation 'for solving a complex zoological problem'. The application wasted two pages of Bulletin".

Prof. G. G. Simpson (6.iv.1974): "In spite of Article 75(f), there was really no reason to submit this wastefully to the Commission. The neotype designation was not valid under Article 75".

Dr. C. W. Sabrosky (27.iv.1974): "I have no objection to placing the name on the Official List, but I vote against it because that action would not accomplish what the author wishes to do. Crane's neotype designation, if valid, could only be nullified by use of the plenary powers (Art. 61), not by mere placing on the Official List of the name *eximius* as defined by the holotype. However, it appears to me that Crane's designation was not in accordance

with Article 75(a), and that the neotype can therefore be disregarded without action by the Commission".

Dr. C. Dupuis (7.v.1974): "Si l'on n'avait pas la manie de désigner des néotypes, il n'y aurait pas matière à de telles actions".

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following is the original reference for the name placed on the Official List by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

eximius, *Eostomias*, Jordan & Gilbert, 1925, *Stanf. Univ. Publs (Biol. Sci)* 4 (1): 13

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (74)6 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1031.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London
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